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FOURTH CO-DEFENDANT SENTENCED 33 YEARS FOR ROLE IN KC CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the fourth of six guilty co-defendants was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a Kansas City crack cocaine conspiracy.

Dale M. Willis, 40, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to 33 years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 21, 2003, **Willis** pleaded guilty to his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Willis** admitted that he conspired with others to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between June 18, 1988, and Jan. 22, 2003. **Willis** also pleaded guilty to the forfeiture count of the indictment, which requires him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including \$4,105.

Willis is the fourth person to be sentenced in this case, which involves a total of six co-defendants, all of whom have pleaded guilty.

On April 14, 2004, **Brent E. Jones**, 40, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to seven years in federal prison without parole. On Dec. 17, 2003, **Jones** pleaded guilty to maintaining a place of residence for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Jones** admitted that crack cocaine was manufactured and distributed at his residence, located at 2602 Norton, Kansas City, between Jan. 1, 2002, and Jan. 2, 2003.

On Oct. 23, 2003, **Darric L. Partee**, 23, of Kansas City, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. On June 20, 2003, **Partee** pleaded guilty to his role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Partee** admitted that he conspired with others to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between June 18, 1988, and Jan. 22, 2003. **Partee** also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of the indictment, which requires him

to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including \$4,105.

On Oct. 23, 2003, **Jakema L. Cutchlow**, 25, of Kansas City, was sentenced to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. On July 9, 2003, **Cutchlow** pleaded guilty to her role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Cutchlow** admitted that she distributed crack cocaine on Aug. 19, 2002, in Kansas City.

On Oct. 22, 2003, **Jerrill A. Green**, 30, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to his role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Green** admitted that he conspired with others to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between June 18, 1988, and Jan. 22, 2003. **Green** also pleaded guilty to the forfeiture count of the indictment, which requires him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including \$4,105.

On Oct. 21, 2003, **Robert L. White**, 32, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to charges contained in a federal information. By pleading guilty, **White** admitted to his role in the conspiracy and that he specifically distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine between Aug. 15, 2002, and Sept. 18, 2002.

All of the co-defendants were charged in a 12-count superseding indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 27, 2003, in Kansas City. The superseding indictment replaced an indictment originally filed on Jan. 21, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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